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Dear Allen:

INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY FOR SOCIAL STUDIES, PRO DEO

Over the past weeks I have had several meetings on the subject of Father M. and his University, the most recent meeting having been last week just before Harry Luce returned to Rome.

Monsignor De Angelis was present at this meeting and brought the rather significant news that Cardinal Siri had been confirmed by the Vatican as the top ecclesiastical "uncle" of the outfit, furnishing the bridge between this non-sectarian University and high Vatican policy.

De Angelis also conveyed that the financial situation in Italy was pretty solid, and expressed the hope that it could be similarly solidified in this country. In order to help, he said that M. was sending a certain Father Moreau, English speaking Belgian Priest who knows all about Pro Deo and also has had a certain amount of fund-raising experience, to the U.S. in January in order to help out.

All in all, this was a rather hopeful meeting.

But then the bombshell came when after the meeting Fred Dolbeare advised me that you had decided not to carry on with support, and that the 1956 support which you had originally advised was "possibly a terminal grant", was indeed a terminal grant.

This raises some very difficult problems. Not only does it mean that the private support will have to make up the difference, but it also means that whatever private Americans have become involved in this at your explicit or implicit request, are now really holding the bag.

And it is a very difficult bag to hold. Of all the various outside activities in which I am involved, this one, because of its very nature and the way Father M. operates, consumes more man hours than almost any other. Furthermore, I am constantly in the very uncomfortable situation of siphoning money out of Harry Luce -- and a large part of his willingness to be siphoned is his belief that you consider this an important activity.





Right now I am faced with the problem of asking him for some year-end money and a large pledge for 1957, and at the same time having to advise him that you are out of the picture. Besides, I have involved the Standard Oil of New Jersey and several other prospective corporations.

All logic indicates that I should tell Luce that it is no longer worthwhile to continue his contributions, and that I myself should stop hitting myself on the head with this particular hammer and let the outfit fight its way out of the woods on its own, or fold.

Now the reason that I am presenting it to you as a problem rather than simply advising you that Luce and I are through, is because I think that there is real value in the outfit if the idea were approached from a somewhat different angle than the one which has obtained up to now, and that there is sufficient value in the operation to warrant either your continued support or at least a real effort on your part to help find the half dozen or so American individuals and organizations who would respond to an energetic appeal by you for funds.

Here is the way I see it, and in the following presentation I readily admit that I am on the outside and therefore unaware of whatever wheels-within-wheels there may be.

I understand from Fred Dolbeare that the yardstick you have applied is whether or not you and your boys have been receiving your "money's worth".

I do not think that the tid-bit Intelligence that these people can furnish you will ever constitute full "money's worth". My reason for saying this is that actually this is not an Intelligence situation. This is much more a foreign policy situation.

If ever the worldwide organization represented by the Catholic Church was of value to the foreign policy of the United States, it is today. Not only is the Catholic Church on the side of the Protestant angels on the general subject of Communism, but the Church is also in a position of great tactical value in some of the areas that are newly opening up as a result of the confusion in the Soviet Empire. In Poland, Cardinal Wisninski; in Hungary, Cardinal Mindszenty; elsewhere, and as developments occur, there will always be some Catholic Prelate emerging from prison who will immediately occupy a highly important emotional and political position in the area.

Right now, the Polish and Hungarian thing is absolutely fascinating. Here are these two Cardinals, impeccable Prelates



both, yet facing totally different local situations, and at the same time having to operate and speak within the appropriate Vatican framework.

In Rome itself, who is interested in Pro Deco, over and above Father M's salesmanship?

In the first place, the Pope himself, who has grasped the profound socio-religious fact that the Church in today's world must not only move forward religiously, but must also move forward socially and sociologically -- the only way that it can move forward politically without being accused of interfering in politics. The Pope had the wisdom to see that by giving his blessing to this kind of operation, he could move forward internationally without getting into dogmatic problems in Vatican City.



Besides the Pope, there is now Cardinal Siri -- I gather one of the young comers and a definite candidate for the Papacy. It might turn out to be a very useful thing a few years from now to have Cardinal Siri remember how well he was supported in the Pro Deco endeavor to which he has just been assigned.

Then there is Archbishop Montini, until recently Vatican Secretary of State, still a leading candidate for the Papacy even though he has not yet been made Cardinal. Don't forget that it was Montini himself who originally sparked this idea.

There is also Monsignor dell'Acqua, now Acting Secretary of State at the Vatican.

I submit that this is an impressive list, and it is only partial.

Now the value of the operational link between Pro Deco and the Vatican is not a "mussy's-worth-for-incidental-Intelligence" value. Its value resides in two areas.

One is what I would call studies-in-depth. For instance, if you and your brother could have the definitive monograph on this strange triangular operation between Warsaw, Budapest, and Rome, it should be of great value for top level U.S. foreign policy thinking. Other such situations will arise from time to time. They will not arise on a monthly-report basis.

Some of these studies-in-depth can come up on the initiative of the principals involved -- De Angelis is very much aware of this kind of thing, and is prepared to do a lot of work and to organize top people into this. Others could be produced at your request.

The other area is that as major Vatican foreign policy trends come under discussion and begin to evolve, you could be advised earlier and with greater detail and profundity than simply as a ten-line Intelligence item.

In summary, I feel that having gone through some awkward growing pains, including some unfortunate indiscretions and a certain amount of flapping around, the outfit is now on the threshold of achieving real significance and value, both for the Church and for you and your brother -- and therefore this is hardly the moment to drop it because some of your boys have apparently reported that the poop furnished by M. is not particularly valuable in the strictly Intelligence category.

The currents that ebb and flow around the Vatican, and now because of the real link to Pro Deo can be immediately and directly felt by that organization, constitute the tremendous imponderables of the world we live in -- imponderables which have in the past and certainly will in the future profoundly affect the minds of millions of people. They are therefore the imponderables which should also flow to you and your brother. But I repeat, they must be thought of as imponderables, and not as an Intelligence document, or a bazooka, or a shipment of arms which has a certain money value and which you can buy.

I do not know if you have ever talked to Foster about this operation in these terms. If you have not, and if you think my thesis has any validity, I would hope that you would have a word with him soon.

Even though the U.S. Government apparently does not wish to revive the Myron Taylor type operation, the top echelons in the U.S. Government should nevertheless consider it almost a must to have some kind of tie to Vatican thinking and operations. And here is a made-to-order mechanism which does not arouse any sleeping dogs.

I would greatly appreciate some word from you, not only as to the practical problem outlined at the start of this letter, but also as to the more philosophical problem which concludes it.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

C. D. Jackson



Mr. Allen W. Dulles  
2430 E. Street N.W.  
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cc: Mr. Frederic Dolbeare  
Mr. John C. Hughes  
Mr. Henry R. Luce



cc: Mr. Dolbeare

February 5, 1957

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Dear Allen:

I had a talk with Harry L. about the Morlion Pro Deo matter after seeing you, and we both agreed ~~that there~~ seemed to be some pieces missing in the puzzle.

On the one hand, there was the flat statement by Morlion that the Dominican Order had formally approved of the institution, and formally appointed him to head it. On the other hand, there was the equally flat statement, as read to me by Steve, that not only had the Dominicans not approved, but that they had no intention of so doing.

Harry and I both felt that irrespective of your further interest in this matter, there was a fact to be ascertained.

As Fred D. told you the other day, this Dominican paper exists, and I am attaching a copy with a rough translation (scusate mi).

I have also seen a photostat of another letter from Fr. Michele Browne, the Dominican General, to Cardinal Siri, expressing his pleasure over the fact that Siri had been appointed by the Vatican Cardinal Protector of Pro Deo.

Doesn't all of this put a somewhat different light on the whole affair?

I have asked our Rome Bureau to try to get in touch with Siri and/or Browne for any further clarification they may care to give, and needless to say any reassessment by you would be most valuable.

All the best,



C. D. Jackson

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P.S. Although I do not know the lady personally, I have been told that Mrs. B. can be quite venomous when thwarted, and conceivably she may be the devil in this particular piece of Vatican Gorgonzola.

C.D.J.

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MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Luce

FROM: C. D. Jackson

October 26, 1955

Notes on some people:



GEORGE ABELL. He had been deferring talking to Thompson until he had another talk with you. I told him that was silly -- that the whole purpose of his visit was for Ed and himself to meet and to discuss the mechanics of the European Parties assignment. I called Ed to advise him that Abell would be getting in touch with him for an appointment, and presumably the meeting will take place this week. Abell nevertheless hopes he will have a chance to see you again. I tried to explain what your schedule looked like for the next few weeks, but he remained sweetly persistent.

KLAUS DOHRN. I arranged to have him see all the people in the Editorial Departments to whom his material has been going, in order to have him revive his conversational personality. I am having lunch with him today to hear what he has to say after these interviews, and will discuss the idea of the monthly letter and fee therefor with him, although reserving the right to make it final at a later date.

MORLION. He is still eager to have a word with you on two points -- (1) to report; (2) to ask if you are willing to lend your name as one of the incorporating fathers of the interdenominational lay group known as the American Council of the International University of Social Studies "Pro Deo". As far as I can make out there is no work involved -- simply an annual pro forma ratification meeting.

He also wants me for this. I told him that you had a natural reluctance to join additional committees or councils, being up to your ears already, but that I would nevertheless ask you. And as far as my name was concerned, I thought that one Time Incer would be enough, and therefore I would not go on if you accepted.

While on this subject, I got the distinct impression that Allen D.'s boys were not handling this matter the right way. These new developments that I told you about take the relationship with Allen out of the area of simple Intelligence Item collection and put it right squarely in the foreign policy or State Department area. This does not mean that there will not be Intelligence tid bits in the reports that Morlion and De Angelis forward, but it does mean that the original reports can no longer be



hoarded by third and fourth echelon CIA characters. So I wrote Allen a letter (attached and please return).

Allen reacted favorably, and I think is going to give Morlion, through an appropriate cut-out, a sizeable additional sum, at least for one year, which will then permit Morlion to collect matching funds from Valetta, which will then permit him really to get rolling and give everybody a breathing spell.

Incidentally, Allen told me that he was the one who had engineered the meeting between his brother and the Pope, which should do a lot toward clearing up some Vatican misconceptions regarding U.S. intentions (--or are they misconceptions?).

JOCK COLVILLE. I have not done anything yet about him because of your schedule. How high a priority do you give him? If you feel you can't squeeze him in, I will take him for a meal or a drink.

BRENDAN BRACKEN (Garrett Moore). Added starter.

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MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Luce

FROM: C. D. Jackson

April 15, 1957

Father Morlion is in town, and naturally wants to see you. I have told him that you were extremely busy and having to make frequent trips.

However, if you could see him for a few minutes later this week (he will be in Washington Wednesday and Thursday) or next week, he would be happy and satisfied.

Meanwhile, here is an updaters:

Last time we talked about this, Allen D. had withdrawn his support because of negative reports from Rome as to the status of Pro Deo in Vatican and Dominican eyes, and because Morlion's salesmanship had gotten a little ahead of his bookkeeping. I said that I would try to get at the facts.

I am satisfied that as of this moment --

(a) The Dominican Order is behind the project. There is an absolutely unequivocal letter signed by the Dominican General.

(b) The Vatican also approves, although somewhat more cautiously, because they do not wish to give final formal public blessing before the organization is sufficiently well off financially so that it will not turn into a Vatican liability, and also because Pro Deo has plenty of enemies among those Monsignori and Cardinals who do not believe in such an inter-denominational, lay, and democratic educational project under Vatican seal. Monsignori dell'Acqua and Montini, as well as Cardinal Siri, are squarely on Morlion's side.

The above has been communicated to Allen D. with an urgent request that he reconsider. He will be seeing Morlion on Thursday morning. I am not too hopeful that he will change his mind, partly because his principal advisor in this area, on whom he relies completely, is a complete third-rater who has never been able to get the larger aspect through his head, and continues to see it as a rather silly cloak-and-dagger operation,

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I have made this point politely but unmistakably to Allen on two occasions, but he blythely turned



my letters over to the advisor in question.

The American fund raising activities are still pretty much of a shambles, for the reason that none of the "volunteers" involved are able to give this the nearly full time attention it must have in order to get the money.

Nevertheless, all is not completely black, since Dean Carman (Catholic) of Columbia will probably replace George Shuster, and will, I think, be able to give it considerably more attention (one hour a month would represent one hundred percent improvement). Also, with Russell Bourne's help we are finally putting together a simple brochure, all of Morlion's previous efforts being worse than useless.

Morlion has also been talking to John Price Jones. When I explained to him that these fund-raising organizations did not actually solicit money themselves but acted as a professional secretariat for the appropriate individuals, Morlion assured me that this was different, and that they had an individual who had "done the work for Fordham". I will find out more about this.




A handwritten signature, possibly "J. P. Jones", written in dark ink. The signature is written over a horizontal line.

# Freedom's Future Leaders...

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**THE AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR THE INTERNATIONAL PROMOTION  
OF DEMOCRACY UNDER GOD**





# AN AMERICAN-ORIENTED UNIVERSITY IN THE HEART OF EUROPE

Take a look at these young people on the steps of a university in Rome. They come from all continents. They will go back with something you have helped give them — *training as freedom's future leaders.*

You, as an American, have given many things to many peoples — money, manpower and technical advice. Yet, this aid, essential as it is, has barely stemmed the tide of communism, much less reversed it.

To build a free world, tomorrow's leaders need something more from us.

Because of this need, a new university has been founded in Rome. Since 1945, it has trained over 9,000 future leaders. More than 1,500 students from 28 countries have enrolled for the 1957-58 academic year.

This new proving ground for democratic statesmanship is the International University of Social Studies "PRO DEO."

"PRO DEO" University was established through the vision of its present Rector, Father Felix A. Morlion, a Belgian priest of the Dominican Order. It is a lay university.

Its educational programs are shaped by an inter-

"Pro Deo" students from Europe,  
Latin America, Asia and Africa  
in front of university's new  
building on Viale Pola.



Father Felix A. Morlion, "Pro Deo's" president, has an outstanding record of opposition to all forms of dictatorship. He founded the university following World War II to combat the Communists' exploitation of social unrest and help provide a permanent solution to the postwar crisis in Europe.

religious board of trustees and faculty — 151 professors from 11 countries. Its students embrace the Christian, Jewish, Moslem, Hindu and Buddhist faiths. And the institution itself receives guidance from an American Council made up of Catholics, Protestants and Jews.

The International University of Social Studies "PRO DEO" is the first institution of higher learning in Europe to be organized along American lines. Most of the traditional universities, founded centuries ago, were not designed to train promising young leaders



in many subjects crucial to freedom's survival throughout the world—democratic government practices, modern diplomacy, international trade, industrial management, labor and intergroup relations, and mass communications media.

"PRO DEO" uses American teaching methods and textbooks — something that is being done nowhere else in Europe.

"PRO DEO's" program is based upon the belief that free enterprise is a proven system for achieving economic and social progress—the only system that allows every human being unlimited possibilities of personal development.

"PRO DEO" believes that if future leaders are trained to apply the new insights of industrial management and the social sciences to the problems of their respective countries, many internal con-

Students enjoy more relaxed, American-style relationship with faculty than is usually the case in Europe. Here, President joins students during afternoon recess.



Father Morlion meets with the Academic Senate to plan undergraduate and graduate teaching program.



flicts—such as futile warfare between management and labor so often exploited by our enemies—may be avoided.

“PRO DEO’s” aims are supported by the American Council for the International Promotion of Democracy Under God, with headquarters in the U.S., which parallels the Latin American and European Councils and appoints a third of the university’s directors. The Council’s constitution requires that officers be recommended without racial or religious discrimination.





Students at work in library of Via Collina building. "Pro Deo" is the only school in Italy where teachers and students are under close academic control; professors must hand in detailed reports after each lecture and students attendance lists are faithfully kept.

Professor Charles R. Dechert, Director of "Pro Deo's" North American Institute winds up a three-day seminar on "Global Control of Enterprise" attended by 23 top industrialists from Italy and Brazil. Key executives from many countries often attend special courses at the university. Here, Professor Dechert introduces American technique of using charts to illustrate lectures.



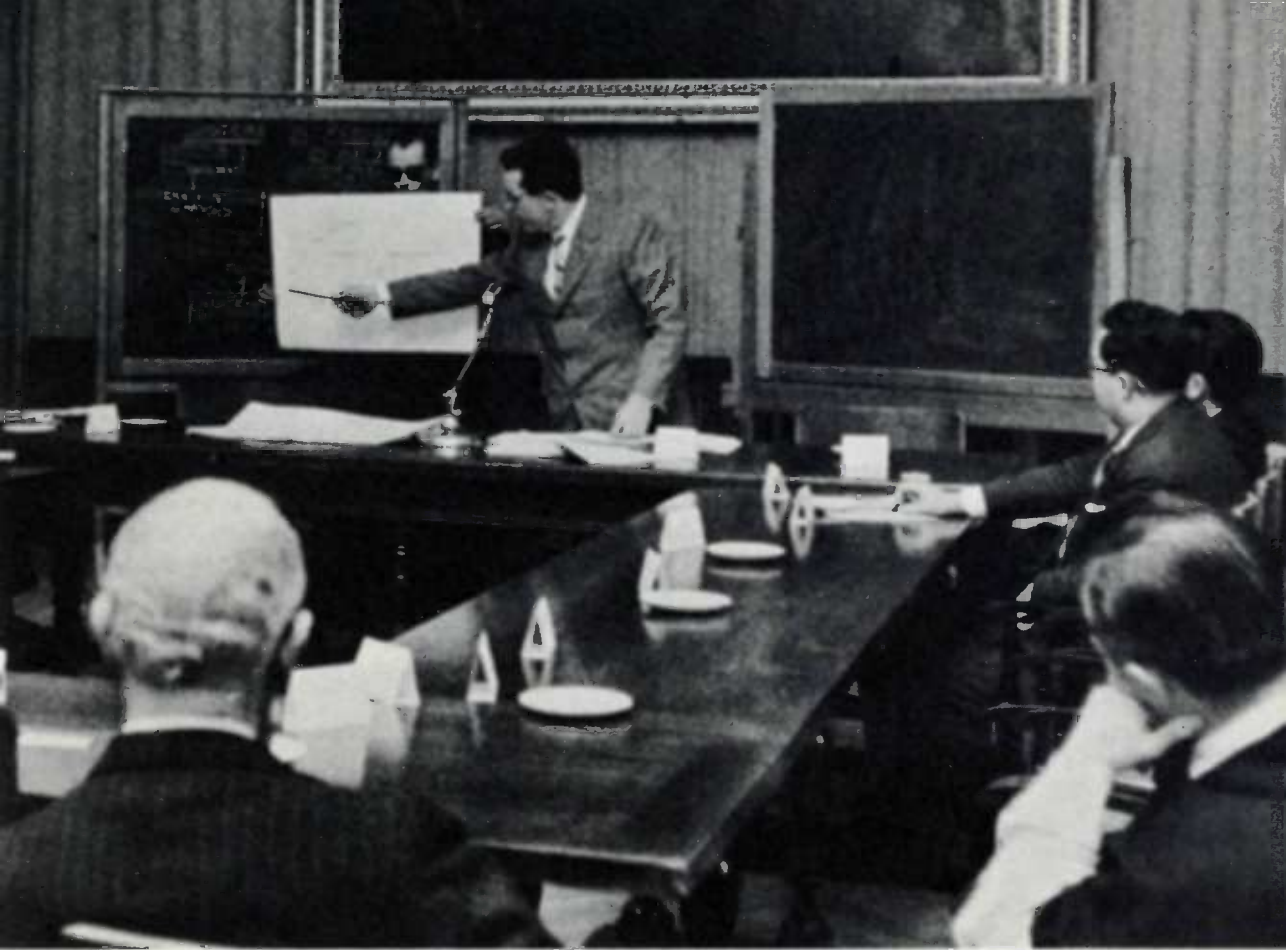
The American Council has a three-fold program:

1. It carefully selects American professors for teaching assignments at "PRO DEO."
2. It serves as the university's U. S. fund-raising agency.
3. It conducts a research program aimed at probing important political and economic problems.

### **"PRO DEO" UNIVERSITY GETS UNDERWAY**

After World War II, chaotic conditions throughout Europe made it clear that the free nations could not survive without stable political and economic frameworks. Therefore, "PRO DEO" established Schools of Political Science, Economic and Business Admin-





Professor Attilio Napoleone, who teaches Mass Media, and Professor Carlo Tamberlani, who teaches Public Speaking in the university's Film Department, examine class schedules. "Pro Deo" provides excellent training in all mass media techniques as a means of promoting democratic concepts.



Professor Grotoff teaches Russian class. "Pro Deo" students get thorough analysis of Communist maneuvers and actual conditions behind the Iron Curtain.





Mr. Sisko, member of Study-Action Team, is an Argentinian, formerly with Argentina's Ministry of Education. An advanced student, Mr. Sisko works in room at Casa Pallotti where many students live.



Mr. Sisko and Brazilian junior executives, representing the Brazilian Industrial Conference, are members of a Study-Action team. Here, they join faculty to observe elementary school activities.





Mr. Sisko joins Professor Dechert, head of North American Institute, and other students in dining room for breakfast conference.

Entering bus for field trip to Ente Maremma land reform project outside Rome.



Children at land reform project school.







Civil Legislation is taught by Professor Bellizzi to communal secretaries appointed by Italian Government—most are from Southern Italy and Sicily where the comparative scarcity of industry forces college graduates into governmental positions.

istration, Industrial and Labor Relations, Mass Communications Media, and Languages. At the same time, the Graduate School of Applied Social Sciences got underway.

Attracted by this imaginative program, students came to "PRO DEO" from France, West Germany, Spain, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Uruguay, Libya, Syria, Somaliland, India and Nationalist China. Some also came as emigres from Iron Curtain countries — Russia, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and Hungary.

From the beginning, "PRO DEO" adopted many methods of Harvard's Business School and the American Management Association's Businessmen's Seminars; it also uses the technical findings of many well-known international corporations.

In 1953, former Italian Premier Alcide de Gasperi became the first Director of "PRO DEO's" new Institute of European Studies. Training centers specializing in industrial, labor and public relations were set up in Milan and Turin for top executives, managers and plant foremen.

During 1955, the Italian Government made an initial contract with "PRO DEO" for a Graduate School of Public Administration to train senior city and provincial administrators. After a two-year trial period, first with 40 and then with 80 carefully selected stu-

State and Provincial Accounting is the subject of Professor Prodani's lecture to prospective communal secretaries.



Students checking class schedules at Via Castelfidardo building.

dents, the Government and university stabilized this program at about 120 fellowships per year. Selected from an Italy-wide competition with some 3,000 participants, these students constitute one half of all the communal administrators appointed by the Government. In 1957-58, four other contracts were signed with various agencies of the Italian Government to train junior executives. This program provides for an additional 142 fellowship students from virtually every government ministry. All Italian staff employees of the European Common Market received specialized training at "PRO DEO."

In 1953, thanks to a grant from the Colombian Government, an Institute of International Relations was organized, with Amba-





Inside "Pro Deo's" printing shop. The university puts out many scholarly publications and a number of texts.



Father Mario Alario,  
head of the management  
secretariat at work  
in his office.



Professor Prodham heads  
the university secretariat  
and also teaches Technical  
Administration.

sador Montalvo—former professor of International Law at Bogota—as Director. In 1957, a grant from the Brazilian Government enabled the university to found a Latin American Institute with 11 fellows from Brazil, Argentina and Colombia, and 17 scholarship students from other Latin American countries.

Early in 1958, the newly established North American Institute initiated a coordinated Social Research Program and sponsored a series of lectures on American Psychological Strategy and Communications. It introduced a seminar on “Challenge to American Democracy” led by U. S. experts.

For some years, “PRO DEO” has been developing overseas extension programs. Latin American centers are located in Peru, Brazil, Colombia and the Dominican Republic. Similar centers in a number of Asian and African countries are now being planned.

### **“PRO DEO” UNIVERSITY’S CURRICULUM**

As an international school for democratic leadership, “PRO DEO” requires every undergraduate to take four courses in democratic theory and practice:

1. *The Principles of American Foreign Policy*: Aid to newly independent nations, without domination; specific measures to create a healthy dynamism in finance, credit, production and distribution in Europe, Latin America, Asia and Africa.

2. *U. S. Structure and the American Way of Life*: Civil rights and liberties in Constitutional law; social, psychological and moral bases for uniting different races and creeds into a cohesive society; social values of a free economy, class mobility and individual initiative.

3. *Social Ethics*: The historical development of social and political norms inspiring the Western tradition, and their application to contemporary life.



4. *Philosophy of Democracy*: The development of human rights concepts and their role in social structures—the state, the business enterprise, the voluntary association, the neighborhood community, the family.

“PRO DEO” has created novel study and research units — Study-Action teams—which attend courses, engage in work projects and do research together. Each includes a full-time Italian monitor at the doctoral level and a professor-advisor to supervise research, planning and guidance. At the end of the academic year, the teams tour Europe, accompanied by their professors, visiting places and persons important to their studies.

During 1958-59, Study-Action teams will be formed in all of the university's graduate schools. Young industrial managers and civil servants from many nations will leave their posts for six months to work out of “PRO DEO.” Many young diplomats from Brazil, Colombia, Chile, and Argentina are expected to take part.



# WHY "PRO DEO" DESERVES YOUR SUPPORT

"PRO DEO" holds that belief in God is fundamental to an understanding of democracy and its affirmation of human rights and the dignity of the individual. Thus, support has come from the three main Western faiths which are represented on the board of trustees. The university's program is guided by an interreligious and international board of laymen.

This united effort has brought forth in Rome something not to be seen elsewhere: a university faculty composed of Catholics, Protestants and Jews, and headed by a Belgian Dominican priest; a student body 1,500 strong, comprising Moslems, Hindus, Buddhists, Jews and Christians from 28 countries; a curriculum embracing American concepts of industrial democracy, American teaching methods and American textbooks—with guidance by an American Council.

Because of your backing, "PRO DEO" will continue to imbue freedom's future leaders with our country's greatest concepts:

- The sanctity of human dignity and human rights.
- The ideals of justice and brotherhood, based on the Fatherhood of God.
- The creativity of individual enterprise.

These are the values which have nourished Western civilization.

Your help will put the world's best minds into this drive for the freedom of mankind.



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